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# CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS



IN YOUR  
OWN GARDEN

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"Orchids of Quality and Distinction"

## The Most Popular Orchid

During the past few years Cymbidium Orchids have been rapidly growing in popularity, not only as a corsage item much in demand by Florists throughout the world and by Garden lovers here in Southern California and elsewhere — but also by growers of fine flowers everywhere. These attractive plants bloom during the winter and early spring months when other flowers are at a minimum and their long lasting qualities are unexcelled. Coming in a wide range of colors including white, pink, rose, ivory, yellow, bronze, and many shades of chartreuse and green and with their upright or arching spikes carrying up to twenty and even thirty or more large flowers on a stem, these hardy orchids are winning prizes and new friends daily. For the commercial flower grower the winter through spring blooming period, plus high flower production, wide color range and extreme long lasting characteristics makes Cymbidiums most attractive for either large or small scale production.

## Cymbidiums Are Easy To Grow

Have you ever grown Fuchsias, Tuberous Begonias, Camellias or Azaleas? . . . Then you can grow Cymbidiums. Yes, it's true, once their simple requirements are understood, Cymbidiums are indeed *easy to grow* and they require no special facilities or skill in their culture. A considerable number of early plantings of these beautiful orchids here in Southern California were under oak trees, and many of these original plants with no special care grew to enormous size, with individual plants often producing several hundred flowers each season.

## Where To Grow Them

The average lath house makes a good growing location as well as the area under trees which admit plenty of light. Cymbidiums cannot stand full sun, however they must have lots of light in order to flower freely. They can of course be grown in a glasshouse where a cool night temperature is very satisfactory. The plants themselves may be grown in pots or in prepared beds in the ground. Either method is satisfactory and of course plants in beds require less attention in regard to watering. The beds should have good drainage and have lots of humus such as leaf mould mixed into the soil. For pot culture, a good mixture is as follows:

3 parts shredded redwood fibre or redwood shavings  
3 parts coarse leaf mould  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  parts good top soil  
1 part cow manure (real old)  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  part coarse sand

## **Watering**

A safe method to follow in watering Cymbidiums is as follows: whenever plants are watered, give them a thorough soaking and do not again water until the growing media is almost dry. Of course, most growing plants require more water during the summer months and Cymbidiums are no exception, but the roots should not be kept constantly wet.

## **Temperatures**

Cymbidiums have demonstrated their ability to grow and thrive in many localities and under widely different conditions of heat and cold. During hot dry weather a little extra humidity can be provided by an occasional light sprinkling on the foliage, but this should not be excessive or too much water may reach the roots. In the other direction, Cymbidiums will tolerate several degrees of frost, and in some sections of California have required no protection when grown under lath or trees, even in our very coldest years. In other areas however, some protection may be required should the temperature drop below 26°-28°.

## **Fertilizing**

Very little fertilizer should be used and many growers do not fertilize at all. We suggest that if fertilizer is used it should be applied very sparingly and only on strong plants which have been established for a year or more. Weak plants or new divisions should never be fertilized.

## **Pests**

Cymbidiums are not bothered by many pests and the usual precautions and corrective measures applied to other evergreen plants are usually satisfactory.

## **Prices Are Reasonable**

From the foregoing, it will readily be seen that these exotic Orchids are not difficult to grow, in fact they require less actual attention than many varieties of plants commonly grown around the home or in the garden, and *prices are reasonable*. While it is true that the prize winning varieties, certain scarce types and proven plants used for breeding are more expensive, the great majority of Cymbidium plants are now available at Sherman Orchid Gardens at prices within the reach of everyone.

## **How To Buy Plants**

Mature plants may be selected at the Nursery in flower or we will be glad to recommend individual plants or groups of

plants in various types and colors in price ranges to suit individual requirements, and no one should overlook the opportunity to acquire (at very nominal cost) prize winners of the future by acquiring a group of seedlings from the fine selection which we are now offering. The parents are the finest, the colors offer a complete range and the prices are most reasonable.

## Mature Cymbidiums

*Many varieties and colors . . . from \$6.50*

## Cymbidium Seedlings

Sherman Orchid Gardens is the largest grower of fine Cymbidium seedlings in America and these healthy young plants, produced from the finest selected and proven parents are available in various sizes at most reasonable prices. If you have not received our latest descriptive seedling list, drop us a card and a copy will be mailed without cost or obligation. Mail orders will be filled promptly or you may make your own selections at the Nursery.

## Prize Winning and Stud Varieties

Our stock of top quality Cymbidiums is well known to those who have visited the Nursery, and many fine exhibition and stud varieties are available for the discriminating Orchid fancier and for the hybridizer. Among these are varieties which have won the highest awards wherever fine orchids have been exhibited, and whose progeny are setting new standards and winning new honors today.

Many of these world famous plants can be seen in bloom during the flowering season and you are cordially invited to visit the Nursery when in our vicinity.

Because of the great number of varieties which would have to be included, we do not publish a catalog or listing of our mature plants and propagations, but invite your inquiry for specific varieties or types, either for exhibition or stud varieties. We will also be glad to suggest individual plants or groups in any requested price range.



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## CYPRIPEDIUMS

In addition to our large stock of Cymbidiums, we also specialize in Cypripediums, the beautiful Lady Slipper orchids

which are becoming so popular both as a cut flower for the highest class corsage market and by flower growers and garden lovers who admire unusually fine things.



Like Cymbidiums these fine orchids are exceptionally long lasting — it not being unusual for Cypripedium flowers to last 6 or 8 weeks and even longer.

The cultural requirements of Cypripediums are very similar to those of Cymbidiums except that they require more shade and as they have no bulbs, they require somewhat oftener watering, and should never be allowed to become completely dry at the roots. The mottled leaf varieties require more heat and should have a minimum night temperature of 55° or above. A satisfactory potting mixture may be arrived at by using the formula given earlier for Cymbidiums, except that the proportion of Leaf Mould should be doubled.

Our stock of these lovely Orchids includes one of the finest collections of prize winners and high quality proven breeding stock to be found anywhere in the world. A good selection of inexpensive types too are available for the commercial grower and also for the amateur or the beginner. No collection should be without a few of these easily grown, long lasting Orchids.

Because of the limited number of plants which are available in many of the varieties we do not publish a catalog or listing of Cypripediums, but invite your inquiry for specific varieties or types, either for exhibition or stud varieties. We will also be glad to suggest individual plants or groups in any requested price range.

*Flowering size plants* ..... from \$4.00

## DENDROBIUMS

Dendrobiums are another genus rapidly coming to the front in popularity, and deservedly so. The majority of this large section are easy to grow, and are free flowering as well as long lasting. The beautiful showy flowers are produced in groups of two or three along cane-like pseudo-bulbs, or in racemes of six to fifteen and more from near the top of the growth. Some varieties produce flowers from old as well as new growths, and large plants have produced hundreds of flowers in a single season; a well grown specimen in full flower is a sight never to be forgotten.

Most Dendrobiums flower during the fall, winter and spring months, and come in a wide range of colors and variations through white, lavender, rose, and many beautiful shades of yellow and orange.

## Culture

Dendrobiums like a warm humid atmosphere during the growing period, followed by a period of rest, or hardening — during which time, watering is curtailed until the buds appear — following which the watering may be increased. Dendrobiums like plenty of light, and Cattleya house conditions and temperatures are about right. The Nobile section will also do well under cool house conditions — especially where plenty of light is available. Dendrobiums also do well, suspended near the glass and this feature makes these charming orchids an ideal companion to grow along with Cymbidiums, where these plants are grown in the cool glass house. In this way, no bench space is required.

*Flowering size plants.....from \$5.00*

## Other Orchids

Also available, are Cattleyas, and a good selection of inexpensive hardy outdoor Orchids, in varieties to flower at all seasons of the year. Included are varieties of Epidendrums, Laelias, Lycastes, Odontoglossums, Oncidiums, Stanhopeas, etc.

## How To Reach The Nursery

SHERMAN ORCHID GARDENS, one of the largest exclusive growers of orchids in the West is located at Glendora, California at the intersection of Grand Ave. and Gladstone; one mile south of Highway 66 on Grand Avenue. The nursery is open every day including Sunday, and veteran orchid growers as well as beginners are invited to visit us at any time. WHY NOT DRIVE OUT TODAY?

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